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**Request
for
Continued Examination (RCE)
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Application Number	10/047,474
Filing Date	October 23, 2001
First Named Inventor	Ronald Arthur FRANK et al.
Art Unit	2616
Examiner Name	Andrew Chung Cheung Lee
Attorney Docket Number	10.0760

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☒ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on March 21, 2006

ii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

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ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) (1-month) FC:1801 790.00 OP

iii. ☐ Other _____

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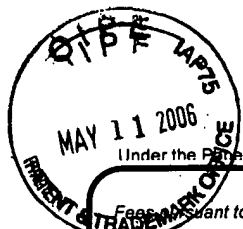
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Effective on 12/08/2004.

Fee is pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).

FEE TRANSMITTAL

For FY 2005

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)**790.00****Complete if Known**

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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	_____
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	_____
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	_____

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)
Multiple dependent claims

	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180
Total Claims		
Extra Claims		
Fee (\$)		
Fee Paid (\$)		

Total Claims _____ **Extra Claims** _____ **Fee (\$)** _____ **Fee Paid (\$)** _____
- 20 or HP = _____ x _____ = _____

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Indep. Claims _____ **Extra Claims** _____ **Fee (\$)** _____ **Fee Paid (\$)** _____
- 3 or HP = _____ x _____ = _____

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3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

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4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): _____ Filing Fee(s) - RCE Application _____

Fees Paid (\$)**\$790.00****SUBMITTED BY**

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